

## Key LGAT Activity – February 2015

### Key Outputs/Outcomes

- LGAT hosted a highly successful Elected Members' Professional Development Weekend in Launceston, from 28 February to 1 March. The workshop and dinner was well attended by over 60 delegates. Written feedback has been obtained from delegates and has yet to be collated, however verbal feedback about the value of the sessions and networking opportunity was very positive.
- LGAT delivered the inaugural regional breakfast forums, with Minister Peter Gutwein as guest speaker. The three forums (Hobart, Ulverstone and Launceston) were attended by 95 people and anecdotal feedback has been very positive. Formal feedback is currently being collected.
- 30 Planning and Compliance officers attended a workshop at West Tamar to map issues and agree a common approach to implementation of new enforcement provisions in the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act*. LGAT will continue to facilitate discussion through an email network and sharing of tools on the extranet.
- Finalisation of Long Term Financial Planning and Asset Management Practice Summaries: LGAT commissioned IPWEA to develop 21 Practice Summaries. These are useful for both day-to-day practitioners and for elected members and officers wishing to build their understanding in this space particularly as councils enhance their compliances with the legislative requirements. These are now available on the LGAT extranet.

### Policy/Project Activity

- Compiled councils' case study contributions in relation to the transfer of Forestry Roads.
- Consultation with unions on the Personal Behaviours Toolkit.
- Planning for conference, forums and training in the upcoming months.
- Sent out Tasmanian Subdivision Guidelines Version 2.0 draft for council feedback.
- Standards Panel activity.
- Submission on the Draft Tasmanian Emergency Management Plan.
- Submission to the Legislative Council Committee regarding Built Heritage Tourism.
- Submission to the Legislative Council Committee regarding Electoral Reform.
- Submission to the Local Government Division regarding the Local Government Road Hierarchy.
- Update of LGAT Annual Plan.

### Training and Workforce Development

- Workforce Reports have been finished and will be mailed to councils who participated in the survey in 2014 early this month.
- Tele-meeting with state and territory Local Government Associations to develop a national set of Local Government HR data. The data should come from existing surveys, meaning no new surveys for councils, and in Tasmania, involve analysis work by LGAT and perhaps DPAC, again to save councils work. The data will be useful to councils and LGAs in areas like industrial relations, public relations and benchmarking efficiency.

## Meetings and Communication

- Production of the fortnightly LGAT Newsletter.
- Redevelopment of the March *LGAT News* magazine with the newly appointed publishing team.
- Arc Blue regarding contract management training.
- Audit Office regarding Local Government Financial Report.
- Australia Local Government Association Board Meeting/Strategic Planning.
- Australian Local Government Association meeting regarding Federal Budget Submission.
- Australian Local Government Association Roads and Transport Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Building Control re Building Regulatory Framework Review Consultation Paper.
- Forum on the merging of the Liquor and Gaming Commissioners.
- General Management Committee Meeting.
- Institute of Public Administration (Tasmania) regarding partnership opportunities.
- Integrity Commission and Local Government Division regarding Local Government training videos.
- LGAT Assist Board meeting (12 loans approved).
- LGAT General Meeting.
- Local Government Division regarding disability framework.
- Local Government Division regarding Forestry Valuations and Local Government rating practices.
- Local Government Division regarding the Role of Local Government Project Strategic Plan and consultation.
- National Procurement Network Meeting.
- Page Seager regarding progression of personal behaviours toolkit.
- Reform of the Federation Roundtable.
- Regional Voluntary Merger forums with Minister Peter Gutwein.
- Road Safety Advisory Committee.
- Social Determinants of Health Steering Committee.
- State Growth regarding cranes.
- State Growth regarding Heavy Vehicles and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
- State Growth regarding MOU for emergency rectification work.
- Tasmanian Fire Service regarding Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Program.
- Tasmanian Hazardous Materials and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear advisory group.
- TasNetworks regarding Tariff Strategy and Revenue.

## Media and Marketing

- Media on:
  - Amalgamations
  - Meeting Procedures/GM Performance Management Processes
- Liaising with graphic designer for new LGAT e-newsletter template.
- Content and navigation audit for the LGAT public website commenced.